1-2-8S. However, in so far as the arrears with effect from 1-4-80 to 31-1-88, is concerned the same will be paid after receipt of approval of the State Government. The matter was referred to the State Government but the State Government has not •anctioned any fund for payment of arrears. As such, for want of funds from the State Government no arrears have been paid tq the Library Staff of the University.

(b) Yes, Reasons same as at (a).

(c) and (d) Same as at (a) above. Further, the State Government of U.P. has again been requested by the University for according sanction and availability of funds for payment of arrears and will be paid as soon as received from the State Government.

Cultivation of Maize

3107. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to bring more areas under maize cultivation;

(b) if so, the States where additional areas would be brought under maize cultivation;

(c) the assistance proposed to be given to the farmers to undertake maize cultivation; and

(d) the details of the fund earmarked therefor in Eighth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However a Central Sector Scheme on Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SFPP) for Maize & Millets is in operation in important maize growing States to increase the production and productivity of ' maize in the country and to encourage maize production during rabi season in the areas wherever it is feasible.

(c) and (d) Under the Central Sector Scheme, financial assistance is provided for critical Inputs viz. distribution of certified seeds, herbicides, plant protection chemical*, plant protection equipments, improved farm implements and conducting the field demonstration, training to farmers etc.

During 1992-93, a sum of Rs. 406.18 lakhs was allocated to the concerned States for maize crop under the scheme. Based on this, about Rs. 2030 lakhs are likely to be allocated to these States during the entire period of the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Aid for Agricultural Development

3108. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the current level of aid was too low to achieve development in agriculture and for reducing poverty among farmers;

(b) what was the net percentage of aid to Indian GNP during 1990-91 and 199!-92; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to approach the International agencies to secure assistance and with what results ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (c) The investment in agriculture is largely being financed from domestic resources. Given the investment required in agriculture, external assistance plays only a peripheral role and its impact on agricultural development as also reduction of incidence of poverty among farmers is limited. The net percentage of total external assistance to Indian gross national product during 1990-91 and 1991-92 was 1.74% and 2.37% respectively. Financial Aid Commitments are ind'eated annually by Multilateral and Bilateral Donor Agencies including World Bank in the Annual Meeting of the Aid India consertium. Such ex'ernal assistance is tied to projects and utilisation of aid depends upon the project specific implementation schedule.

3109 [Transferred to 22nd March 1993]

उत्तर प्रदेश में विकास परियोजनाएं

3110. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत वर्ष के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में पशुधन विकास से संबंधित कौन-कौन सी परियोजनाएं चल रही थीं;